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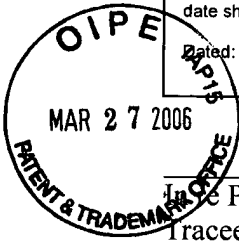
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For: HYPOTUBE WITH IMPROVED STRAIN
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JAN. 6, 2006

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the non-final office action mailed on January 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Replacement Drawing Sheets are identified on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.